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April 7, 2003

**PATENT
BOX RCE**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Nanning J. Arfsten, *et al.* : Group Art Unit 1775 ✓
Conf. No.: 8672 :
Appln. No. 09/437,948 ✓ : Examiner: J. McNeil
Filed: November 10, 1999 ✓ :
For: NIOBIUM OXIDE-BASED LAYERS : Attorney Docket
FOR THIN FILM OPTICAL : No. 275-3US
COATINGS AND PROCESSES FOR :
PRODUCING THE SAME :

AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.114 for continued examination (RCE) of the above identified application in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 20, 2003 (Paper No. 19). Enclosed are the following in support of the RCE under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:

- ☐ Enter the unentered Amendment previously filed on &@ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above application.
- ☒ An Amendment.
- ☒ A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A and cited references.
- ☐ New formal drawings.
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time to &@ for the pending application.
- ☐ Other: &@

The following fees are enclosed:

- ☒ RCE fee of \$375 required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).
- ☐ Extension of time fee in the amount of \$____.00
- ☐ Additional claim fees of &@ for excess claims submitted in the enclosed Amendment, calculated as follows:

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					SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL		(-)	or 20		x9		x18	
INDEP.		(-)	or 3		x42		x84	
[] 1st PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+\$140		+\$280	
					TOTAL		TOTAL	

- [X] Firm check(s) totalling \$375.00 is/are enclosed herewith.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. **200275.0003**) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- [X] Any overpayments or deficiencies in the above-calculated fee(s).
- [] RCE fee in the amount of \$.00.
- [] Extension fee in the amount of \$.00
- [] Additional claim fee(s) in the amount of \$.00 as calculated above
- [X] Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.
- [X] In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required, but not enclosed, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

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April 7, 2003
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